It is expected that India will be a net exporter of steel in 1993-94 and also in 1994-95. The ratio of export: import is expected to be about 1:0.60.

Export and import of steel depend on various factors such as demand, availability, price etc. While steel imports have not shown an increasing trend, exports have risen significantly.

Court Cases Filed by Workers in VSP

3497. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the cases filed in the Courts by the Officers/Workers of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during the last three years;

(b) what is the present position of those cases;

(c) the legal expenses incurred by the Management of this Steel Plant in regard to the engagement of Counsels and Payment of fees etc. on each case till date ; and

(d) what steps have been taken by the management to check the occurrence of such cases and with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) Details of cases filed in the Court by Officers/Workers of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during the last three years and the present position are as follows:

	No. of cases filed	Disposed off	Balance pending
1991	9	1	8
1992	10	2	8
1993	8	—	8

The above cases mainly relate to the following:

(i) Service matters (17 Nos.)

(ii) Against State Government on matters of displaced person status, caste certificate etc. where Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is a proforma defendant (7 Nos.)

(iii) Motor vehicle accidents. (3 Nos.)

(c) The legal expenses incurred by the management of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant on these cases are as follows :

	Legal Expenses Rs.
1991	2,585
1992	12,834
1993	—

(d) Regarding the cases pertaining to service matters which are mostly related to policy issues, the employees are being prevailed upon by the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Management not to resort to litigation but to get the issues resolved through the grievance redressal procedures in vogue in the company. In spite of the above, some cases have been filed by the employees which are pending in the court as the concerned employees have not with drawn them.

Mandira Dam Project in Orissa

3498. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Ltd. participated in Mandira Dam Project in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the extent of their involvement and steps taken by them for rehabilitating the effected people/oustees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) SAIL (earlier known as Hindustan Steel Ltd.) did not participate directly in the Mandira Dam Project in Orissa. The Ministry of Steel, Government of India entrusted the Hirakud Project Administration, which was under the Ministry of Irrigation and Power, with the work of investigation and execution of a dam across the river Shank at Mandira. After construction, the dam was handed over to Rourkela Steel Plant in the year 1959. The rehabilitation of the families displaced was done by the Govt, of Orissa. The displaced families were paid compensation and provided with plots for construction of residential houses